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FOR SSM AND A/SY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR USG COMMUNICATION CENTER

1. THE SECURITY INSPECTION INITIATED MAY 6 BY MR. MAY, RSO, AMEMB, TEL AVIV AND MR. STIGERS, INR/RCI HAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE USG COMMUNICATION CENTER AT THE PERMANENT BASE SITE DOES NOT MEET THE CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY S/KAG-1B PARAGRAPHS 10006 AND 10007, AND PHYSICAL SECURITY STANDARDS FOR SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITIES (DCID1/14). IN FACT, THE STRUCTURE AS PLANNED DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATION AND WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SFM TO RECEIVE OR TRANSMIT CLASSIFIED MESSAGES. ALTHOUGH CONSTRUCTION AS IMPLEMENTED TO DATE IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH PLANS AND SPECS AS DEVELOPED FOR THIS PROJECT, THE FLOOR, WALLS AND ROOF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ROOM DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER REINFORCING BAR CONFIGURATION AND THE ROOF CONTAINS NO REINFORCING STEEL AND IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY THICK.

2. AS BUILT DETAILS ARE SHOWN IN U.S. SINAI SUPPORT MISSION DRAWING A-4 AND SUPPORTING DRAWINGS. E-SY AND ZACHRY REPRESENTATIVES STATE THAT THEY WERE NOT INSTRUCTED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF S/KAG-1B OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

3. IF WAIVER OF THE PROVISION OF S/KAG-1B HAS BEEN OBTAINED, REQUEST THAT THE DETAILS BE PROVIDED IN ORDER THAT MR. MAY AND MR. STIGERS CAN COMPLETE THEIR INSPECTION.

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4. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR MODIFICATION INCLUDE COMPLETE QUARTER INCH WELDED STEEL PLATE LINING FOR WALLS AND CEILING, WITH EIGHTH INCH FLOOR PLATE WELDED CONTIGUOUSLY TO FORM A TIGHT BOX LIKE STRUCTURE WITHIN THE ROOM. MANY PROBLEMS INVOLVED INCLUDE NEED FOR COLUMNS TO SUPPORT QUARTER INCH STEEL PLATE CEILING AND REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF CONDUIT AND PANEL BOXES NOW IN PLACE. ESTIMATE JOB COMPLETION WOULD BE EXTENDED AT LEAST TWO MONTHS FOR PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF THIS STEEL PLATE LINING. ADDITIONAL EXPENSE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN.

5. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST AS MESSERS
MAY AND STIGERS ARE DUE TO DEPART MAY 10.
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